

REMARKS

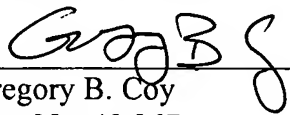
A Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372 was mailed to the Applicants on January 7, 2009, asserting that claims 1-25 are directed to multiple invention groups and multiple species of the invention.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect Invention Group II including claims 15-23. The Applicants further elect polyurethane/polycarbonate as polymeric material of Species Group 1, methylene blue as organic dye of Species Group 2, and catheter as device of Species Group 3.

The pending claims of Invention Group II that are readable on the elected polyurethane/polycarbonate species are Claims 15-20 and 22-23; the pending claims of Invention Group II that are readable on the elected methylene blue species are Claims 15-23; and the pending claims of Invention Group II that are readable on the elected catheter species are Claims 15-23.

Further consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing elections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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